

House Resolution No. 1337

Whereas, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives honor treasured residents of the Show-Me State who have experienced the joys and blessings of a prosperous marriage; and

Whereas, fifty years ago on March 21, 1958, James Dean Baker took the hand of his beautiful bride, Verna June Oakley, as they began their commitment to a lifetime of shared love and devotion by exchanging wedding vows during a solemn ceremony in New London, Connecticut; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, James and Verna Baker have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include three children, Denise Kruse, Leonard Baker, and Crystal Bohnenkamp; eight grandchildren; and one canine companion named Lucy; and

Whereas, now retired, James Baker has compiled an impressive list of achievement that includes being a veteran of the United State Navy, a farmer in Fullerton, Nebraska, and an employee of a grain bin company in York, Nebraska, and the Conrad/American grain bin company in Houghton, Iowa; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and outstanding homemaker, Verna Baker further distinguished herself by working various jobs throughout the years; and

Whereas, during their fifty years as husband and wife, James and Verna Baker have enjoyed volunteering as program coordinators at the Kahoka Food Pantry, supporting the Kahoka Presbyterian Church, and spending time in their garden; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Baker, residents of Kahoka, commemorated the glorious occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on March 21, 2008:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to James and Verna Baker for their tremendous success in achieving a half century of wedded bliss and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. James Dean Baker.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Munzlinger
District No. 1

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 1337, adopted March 31, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker